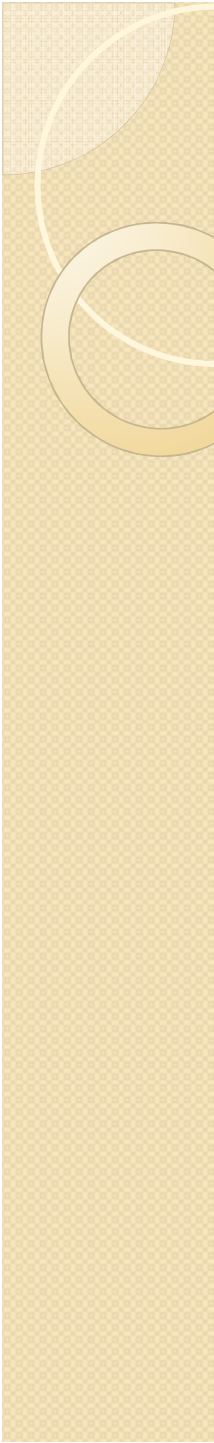


# Seniors and Lifelong Mobility: Driver Safety



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- 10,000 Americans will turn 65 every day for the next 19 years
  - By 2030, one in five motorist will be age 65 or older
  - More than 30 million older drivers on U.S. roads
  - Mobility is much more than transportation-goals are to assist with  
*all aspects*

Most of us will outlive our ability to drive by 7-10 years!

# Driving Abilities

- Cognitive



- Visual



- Physical





# Medical Conditions

## Visual

- Cataracts
- Glaucoma
- Macular Degeneration
- Diabetic Retinopathy
- Decreased night vision/glare recovery time
- Decrease in depth perception

## Medications

## Neurological

- Stroke
- Dementia
- Alzheimer's
- Parkinson's

## Other

- Diabetes
- Heart conditions
- Arthritis
- General aging issues



# Safety Issues

Am I / my loved one safe to drive?

- What is prompting question
- Any “near misses” or unexplained damage to the vehicle
- New medical diagnoses/condition/medication
- Lost or confused while driving
- Suggest a “ride along,” or refresher course
- AARP – “We Need to Talk”



# Evaluations

- Private – in home
- Low cost, confidential
- Commercial schools
- Hospital rehab



# Medical Issues

- Very in-depth evaluations
- Need for training on special equipment
- Generally must have physician's referral
- Stroke/Dementia/Alzheimer's

# Specialized Equipment

- More than wheelchair lifts
- Use only licensed providers
- May need a prescription
- May need training
- New vehicles – auto manufacturers may offer partial reimbursement







# Licensing Issues

- Renewals
- Referrals
- How/when to discuss driving concerns
- How to report unsafe driver



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## REQUEST FOR DRIVER EVALUATION

As provided by Section 257.320 of the Michigan Vehicle Code, the Department of State may schedule a driver assessment reexamination on a driver based on evidence of physical infirmities or disabilities, vision deficiencies, convulsive seizures, blackouts, episodes, or for other reasons that may affect the person's ability to operate a motor vehicle safely. Please provide a description of an incident or pattern of behavior, or other evidence which you believe justifies an evaluation. **All sections of this form must be completed.**

### (SECTION 1)

INFORMATION ABOUT THE DRIVER:  
(Please print or type all information.)

Today's Date:	Driver's Full Name: (As it appears on license)	Driver License Number:	Date of Birth:
Street Address:	City:	State:	Zip Code

### (SECTION 2)

Explain why this driver should be scheduled for an evaluation. Please be specific. (Additional space is provided on the back of this form.)

### (SECTION 3)

REQUESTER INFORMATION:

This section must be completed and signed or the request will not be processed. The Department does not accept anonymous requests. Requests by private citizens to remain confidential will be respected to the extent permitted by Michigan and Federal law.

**YOUR SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED TO PROCESS THIS REQUEST.** (Please print or type other information.)

Requester's Name and Agency: (If applicable)			
Street Address:	City:	State:	Zip Code:
Telephone Number:	Requester's Signature:		Date:

# How to Request OC-88 Form

1. [Michigan.gov/sos](https://michigan.gov/sos)
2. Forms tab
3. Suspended, Revoked or Denied Driver's License
4. Request for Driver Evaluation OC-88



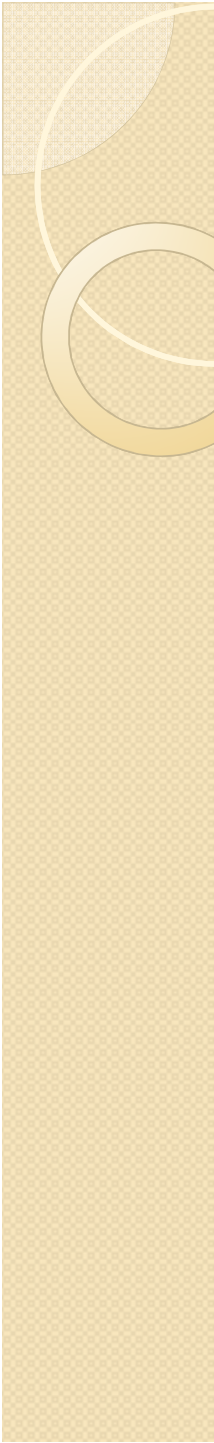
# When Driving Is No Longer an Option

- Grieving process
  - May need counseling
- Make an action plan
  - Provide a list of public, private and
  - personal options
- Assist in finding deliveries/home services
  - Any other services needed



# When a Loved One Will Not Stop Driving

- Enlist help of family doctor
- Complete and submit OC-88 form to Secretary of State
- Disable the vehicle
- Remove/sell vehicle



More than half of all non-drivers age 65 and over stay at home in a given day, often because they do not have transportation options – only half of Americans age 65 and older have access to public transportation.



# Transportation Plan

- Involve the transitioning driver
- Remind them they still have control
- Plan for driving retirement just like you would financially
- Change lifestyle
- Help them use the internet to shop



# Local Community Transportation Plan

Type of Alternatives	Name and phone number	Area Serviced	Days, Hours of Services	Cost
Public Bus Service				
Local Paratransit Service (curb to curb)				
Senior Transportation Only (no assistance) (door to door)				
Taxi Service				
Other Services Available (medical, volunteers, civic groups, veterans)				





# Personal Transportation Network

Friend, family or neighbor	Name	Address	Phone number	Likely Destinations
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				



# My Transportation Plan

Activity	Time and Frequency	Location	First Choice	Alternative
Medical appts.				
Pharmacy				
Groceries				
Other shopping				
Activies				
Church				



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**855-myride2 (697-4332) toll free**



# What is Mobility Management?

- Focus on individual
- Focus on whole trip
- Centralized information
- Person Centered
- Incorporates: Driving education, awareness and cessation information; public, private and volunteer transportation options; Complete Streets philosophies
- “One-stop-shopping” for mobility needs



# Overview

- Toll-free phone line - 855-myride2 (697-4332)
- Live transfers to transit providers
- Rider only has to give information one time
- Interactive web site – can search for providers, request a ride, get information
- May be able to schedule SMART connectors at time of call/request
- Available in Oakland and Macomb counties
- Public/Media launch May 2012

\*Does not provide transportation\*



# Questions?

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